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Prescribed Fire Planned at Fort Scott National Historic Site

FORT SCOTT, Kansas: Fort Scott National Historic Site wants to let the public know that a prescribed fire for the site's restored tallgrass prairie is planned for some time during the period from March 15 to April 30, 2015.

Approximately five acres of restored tallgrass prairie will be burned under the supervision of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Park Service wildland fire personnel with assistance from the Fort Scott Fire Department. The objective of the project is to eliminate a buildup of hazardous fuels that could threaten park structures, control invasive woody and exotic plant species, and promote the growth of native prairie plants. The prairie is used as an interpretive tool to help visitors understand the historical landscape of eastern Kansas.

The project will be conducted under prescribed conditions as set forth in the park's Fire Management Plan and Prescribed Fire Burn Plan. The exact date and time of the burn will be determined by proper weather conditions and the availability of trained staff.

The local radio station will be notified prior to ignition of the prescribed burn. Persons near the site who might be bothered by the smoke are encouraged to contact the park at 620-223-0310 in order to be notified on the day of the operation so that they make take proper precautions to avoid the smoke.

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